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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I support local business. I dislike monopolies and having little choice. My local ISP provides great service and offerings that AT&T does not offer. I oppose the USTelecom petition. Please do not approve.

Ever since AT&T took over DirecTV, service has gone down and prices have gone up. Same for with all the big telecom mergers. You split up AT&T, then let all the regional telecoms start merging together all over again!

I need broadband for my home and my wife's business. Two options is not a viable, reliable market. I am able to look into Fiber because Sonic.Net exists. Please support local broadband competition.

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